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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for replying to the Office Action that was mailed in connection with the above-captioned application on June 20, 2002 be extended for two months, to and including November 20, 2002.

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